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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Central Intelligence

**SUBJECT : Preliminary Report on Loss of U-2
Reconnaissance Mission C025C**

1. This memorandum contains in Paragraph 4 a recommendation for your concurrence in the dissemination of the subject report.

2. Attached for your review and approval prior to dissemination to the 303 Committee is a report on the loss of Mission C025C on 10 January 1965 over North China.

3. You will note that in the second sentence of Paragraph 2 of the Summary we state that the two SAM sites in the area of the suspected shootdown were identified in photography acquired prior to the mission. On page 4, second paragraph, we have added additional details. This report also incorporates the latest results of our detailed analysis of the [redacted] acquired at the time of the incident.

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4. We recommend your concurrence in the dissemination of this report to the following individuals and components: DCL, DDCL, Ambassador Thompson, McGeorge Bundy, Cyrus Vance, [redacted] DD/P and DD/S&T.

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Albert D. Wheelon

Deputy Director

for

Science and Technology

Attachment:

As stated

Concur:

NON-CONCUR: This has been covered orally in sufficient detail to the above.

No Dissemination required, [redacted]

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Deputy Director for Central Intelligence

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Content of Preliminary Reports to 303 Committee

1. Dr. Wheelon has requested that the Preliminary Reports to the 303 Committee prepared by DD/S&T on each overflight operation contain only that information which pertains to the operational aspects of the mission.

2. Specifically, the text of the reports should drop any references to the results of the readout of the photography acquired. The reports may, however, incorporate selected photography and references may be made to the quality of the acquired photography. Other elements to be included in the reports are the success of the mission in covering the scheduled COMOR targets, the performance of the aircraft systems,

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3. Given the above guidance, there will be no requirement for coordination with the DD/I.

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Chief, Action Staff
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